

ACTIVE DUTY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Dental Services

The dental clinic is located in building 2417 on McGuire Blvd. and is open Monday – Friday from 0730-1630. Routine exams are scheduled by unit health monitors. For urgent dental needs (such as tooth fractures, bleeding, swelling or pain) call for a same day evaluation appointment at (609) 754-3786. For urgent and emergent dental needs after normal duty hours, and on weekends and holidays, the on-call dentist can be reached by calling 1-866-DRS-APPT (378-2778). The dental laboratory flight fabricates custom ear pieces in support of JB MDL aircrew members.

Active duty service members of all services are eligible for comprehensive dental care including:

- Diagnostic care
- Preventive care
- Restorative care
- Periodontal Care
- Endodontic Care
- Prosthodontic Care
- Limited Oral Surgical

Military family members can be seen for emergency dental treatment. Enrollment in the TRICARE Dental Program is strongly encouraged. To register, visit the TRICARE office for enrollment forms or access the dental contractor's website online through www.tricare.mil. Retired military members may be seen for on a space available basis. However, space available care is very limited and not advised as the most appropriate means to receive ongoing, comprehensive care. All retirees and their family members are encouraged to enroll in Delta Dental insurance plan online at www.ddpdelta.org, or call (888) 838-8737.

Convalescent Leave

Convalescent leave is a medical recommendation to your unit for medical leave. You must be evaluated by a military provider for convalescent leave. Convalescent leave from a civilian provider is ONLY a recommendation. Your military provider will decide the length of leave appropriate for your medical condition. Convalescent leave approval procedures vary with each branch of Service. Check with your command for Service-specific regulations. Convalescent leave for a medical procedure or surgery will not be given until after the procedure or surgery has been completed. Please arrange for a family member, friend, or supervisor to bring the required documents to the Family Health Clinic if you are unable to do so.

Quarters

Each branch of service has different regulations for Quarters approval authority. Please check with your command for service specific regulations. Quarters may be given at the time of your appointment with a provider and will be for a specified amount of time. If your quarters are ending and you feel you need more time, you must speak with a provider or a nurse for further evaluation. If quarters are recommended at a civilian after hours or urgent care clinic, it is the military member's responsibility to notify their supervisor/chain of command.

Force Health Management (FHM)

Deployment Clearances (Air Force)

Members are tasked by their Unit Deployment Manager (UDM) who sends names to FHM for medical record review. FHM reports back to the UDM what the member needs in order to be medically ready prior to deployment. All deployment clearances start and stop in FHM. All items can be done within 60 days for departure. The final task is to complete the DD 2795, Pre-Deployment Health Assessment, and pick up the DD Form 2766 Adult Preventive Chronic Care Flowsheet. If the deployment is for a group of members, FHM will package the DD Form 2766s together and give to the highest ranking member.

Deployment Return (Air Force)

Members returning from deployment are scheduled through their UDMs at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center to attend a mass briefing. Warfighter and Family Readiness Center schedules these briefings when there are 10+ members reporting back to home station (fewer than ten members will report to all agencies on their own). FHM collects all DD Form 2766s before the briefing, any required lab work is ordered, and PIMR program updated as needed. After the briefings, members must report to immunizations, laboratory, and FHM.

Deployment (other branches of service)

Service members, other than Air Force, who are deploying, either individually or with their units, will follow their service specific instructions for obtaining pre-deployment medical readiness and post-deployment medical clearance.

Retraining Packages (Air Force)

Member obtain necessary paperwork from MPF or vMPF and complete a "Memorandum for Physical Exams" to take to FHM. FHM will review PIMR for outstanding requirements. Member may require specific physical exams for retraining qualifications. Results from physical exams will be annotated on the memorandum and returned to FHM. FHM will review member's medical record and identify any disqualifying items. If any items are noted, FHM will generate an AF Form 422 (Physical Serial Profile) with required statements. If there are disqualifying items, FHM will refer the member to the appropriate clinics for follow-up appointment. Member will be contacted in 3-5 business days once their paperwork is complete.

Security Clearances

Members or their Squadron Security Manager will provide Medical Clearance an AF Form 2583 (Request for Personnel Security Action). Members should ensure that sections 1 through 3 are completed prior to reporting to Flight Medicine. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the security clearance personnel at (609) 754-9348 / 9141 / 9577.

Profiles

Medical profiles require an evaluation by a provider for the medical condition. An appointment is needed to extend a profile. It is the patient's responsibility to schedule an appointment at least two weeks before the profile will expire if an extension is needed. If the profile expires and the patient does not follow up, they are returned to full duty.

4T Profile Tracking (Air Force)

Important information for Air Force members concerned with being placed on a profile or needing assistance with obtaining or renewing a profile. First, you should address any health issues as soon as possible to prevent delays in renewing or loss of current profile status. Don't delay! Profiles are initiated by your primary healthcare provider and then forwarded to the medical standards section for review. If a Fitness AF Form 422 is determined to be necessary, the medical standards section will initiate and forward the AF Form 422 to the Health and Wellness Center (HAWC) staff and referred back to the profile officer for the final signature.

If you are due for your Physical Fitness (PT) test, it is imperative that you remember to inform your physician of your profile status to ensure if an AF Form 469 is required it can be accomplished in timely manner. Please note, if your profile is for 30 days or less, then a Fitness AF Form 422 will not be automatically generated by the Medical Standards section. Once your AF Form 469 is received, please follow the instructions noted in the comments section to receive a Fitness AF Form 422. For additional information or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Medical Standards section at (609) 754-9348 or 9141 or 9577.

Occupational Health Program

Occupational health exam, for example, hearing tests, are done during the PHA. Members need to be noise free for at least 14 hours prior to a hearing test.

THE INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM (IDES)

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) is a seamless, transparent, disability evaluation system administered jointly by the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) to make disability evaluations for wounded, ill or injured service members and veterans, simple, seamless, fast and fair.

The DOD uses IDES to determine if service members are still able to serve. Members will receive one single disability medical examination conducted by a VA-certified physician, and one single-source disability rating to determine their fitness for duty and eligibility for DOD and VA disability compensation and benefits. If it is determined that a member is unable to serve, then IDES gives them a VA disability rating before they leave the service. This rating tells the service member the amount of compensation and benefits they will receive; and members file their VA benefits claim before they leave the service so they get their benefits quickly.

DOD Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officers (PEBLOs) and VA Military Service Coordinators (MCSs) guide service members through the IDES. Legal counsel is also available at no cost to the member. If you have questions concerning IDES you can speak with one of our PEBLOs by calling (609) 754-9129/9314.